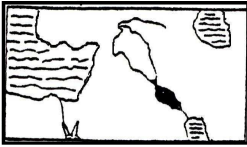


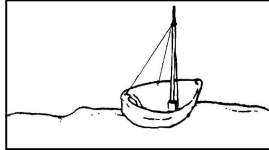
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Small bushes and trees grew along river banks due to little rain
- Short grasses grew on most land (dry)
- Don't have lots of natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)

2. Economics



- Traded with neighbours
- Traded grain, wool, oil, clothing, leather for ivory, precious stone, metals, timber, vegetables they couldn't grow
- Goods transported by donkeys, oxen, boat

3. Religion and Philosophy



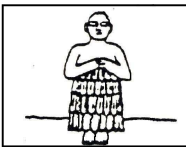
- Believed in 3000 gods/dieties
- Built pyramid like temples called ziggurats to worship dieties
- Each ziggurat named after a different diety, Sumerians believed each ziggurat had a diety at the top.

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Students studied arithmetic, reading, writing and religion
- Priests (teachers) knowledgeable about medicine, engineering, science, what dieties wanted.
- Witten language developed in three stages

5. Political Science



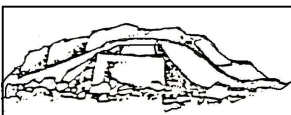
- King was in charge
- As villages grew larger, people given jobs like keeping order, providing protection, ensuring needs of community met
- People first lived in small groups/villages

6. Sociology



- Men were head of household
- Women had some rights and were financially dependant on husband
- Anyone could become a slave (bad luck, dept, being captrured in war

7. History



- First written language developed in Mesopotamia
- First irrigated fields
- Began using a wheel for transportation